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Joint police operation to tackle burglary

Operation Tidenham brings 28 arrests

Police from across three police forces have been working together to catch persistent burglars.

Over the last year the number of break-ins has gone up.

To tackle this, officers from Waltham Forest have teamed up with our neighbours from Essex Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary to target known criminals who travel across the borough borders to commit their crimes.

Inspector Craig Meredith, from Waltham Forest Police, Matt Hines, the Operational Tasking Manager from Essex Police and Sgt Neal Donoghue from the Metropolitan Police Roads and Transport Policing Command pooled information which was used to carry out a three day operation last November.

Operation Tidenham used intelligence to identify a number of vehicles connected to known criminals and used the Automatic Number Plate Readers to track their movements.

The police stopped a large number of vehicles, which led to 28 arrests. Thirteen were for driving under the influence of drink or drugs and five for possession of an offensive weapon, including a zombie knife. Three people were also arrested on suspicion of burglary.

This operation was so successful that

it was extended for a further three days in January.

In addition, dedicated ward officers have been targeting burglary hotspots, patrolling on foot in plain clothes and uniform and using social media to provide crime advice to residents.

Inspector Meredith said: "Burglary is a serious crime that has a profound affect on its victims. We know that criminals do not operate within borough or county borders, which is why we have been working together with our neighbouring forces to share intelligence and hone in on the criminals operating in our area.

"I'm pleased that these operations have had a significant impact on disrupting criminals. Waltham Forest residents can be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that they and their possessions are safe in their own home."

A further six days of the operation are planned to take place in the next few months.

More info

If you have information that may help to solve a crime, call Waltham Forest Police on **101**, or make an anonymous report via Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or at crimestoppers-uk.org. If a crime is taking place, call **999**.

Police crack down on speeders

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Officers catch speeding motorists in crack down



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Borough mergers announced

The Metropolitan Police Service has announced changes to the way local policing is delivered in London through the introduction of Basic Command Units (BCUs).

A BCU is a larger police command unit than the current 32 borough.

The number of BCUs will be 12 with Waltham Forest and Newham joining to become the North East BCU.

Currently boroughs vary in size, have different ways of doing things and have different resources and issues. This can mean that demand is difficult to manage and our flexibility to meet new policing challenges is limited.

BCUs will each deliver the same core local policing functions – neighbourhoods, emergency



response, CID and safeguarding – in a more consistent way. Each BCU will be led by a chief superintendent who will be the BCU Commander.

The Met continues to face a significant financial challenge, alongside increasing demand, and must make savings of £325m by 2021/22. Police Officer numbers are expected to fall to 30,000 by April, and further by 2021.

In a BCU, people, buildings and resources will be shared across the borough boundaries meaning greater flexibility in how they are used.

Leading the work is Deputy Assistant Commissioner Mark Simmons. He said: "Local policing is at the heart of what the Met does every day, and we will improve it further by offering a service that is more personal and responsive to

the needs of Londoners.

"We need to plan for a future with less, and become more resilient so we can continue to meet our financial and operational challenges, and our current and future policing challenges – terrorism and safeguarding in particular. Without significant changes in how we manage our resources we would be unable to meet these head on."

The BCU has been tested in two areas since January 2017, bringing together Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Havering boroughs; and Camden and Islington boroughs. The roll-out across London will be staggered over the next 12 months following the decision.

In brief

Harassment crack down

A crack down on all forms of street based sexual harassment launched by Waltham Forest Council is proving successful. The campaign, supported by local women's groups, makes clear that unwanted physical and verbal attention including following women, groping them and taking photographs of women without their permission is unacceptable in the borough.

More info

If you would like to find out more or get involved in raising awareness about street based sexual harassment please contact the Violence Against Women and Girls Team: vawg@walthamforest.gov.uk

From the Borough Commander

Richard Tucker



Borough Commander Richard Tucker

I assume everyone will be aware of the tragic cases across London where over 50 people have lost their lives since the New Year. The murders of Amaan Shakoar, Joseph William-Torres and Jermaine Johnson in the last month demonstrate that the borough is not immune from violent crime. I appreciate the concern that these incidents cause within the local communities where they took place.

Despite these appalling murders, crime in Waltham Forest was 10 per cent lower than the London average last year and as you can see from this policing edition of Waltham Forest News, reducing crime and disorder in the borough involves a huge amount of work from a range of agencies and organisations.

I hope these pages demonstrate that there are many aspects to

policing. Very rarely is the solution to a problem within the community purely a policing one. If we are going to reduce violent crime in the borough, the whole community needs to be involved. From parents knowing where their children are, to people in the community who have information about these murders coming forward to help us catch those responsible. This isn't about being an informant or a snitch. It's about being a good citizen who wants to improve the community where they live. The whole community can help keep our young people safer by having a collective voice against those who carry knives or think about harming people. This can range from telling police if you know someone is carrying a knife, to building resilience among our young people and children so they can make the best choices on how and who they

spend their time with.

We are doing all we can to protect people, but sometimes this can be about the personal choices individuals make. If you carry a knife, you are more likely to be stabbed. By getting involved in criminality or associating with criminals, you are putting yourself at risk. Following the recent rise in violent crime, residents will notice an increased police presence in the borough. We will be using intelligence led targeted stop and searches, and weapon sweeps to try and remove weapons from our streets. Many of the weapons found on the streets are kitchen knives so parents can help by checking all yours are still where they should be at home. I cannot stress enough how strongly I feel about the Police's role within the borough. It is our job to keep everyone safe.

I will work with anyone and

consider any appropriate tactic if it will keep people safe.

Commissioner Cressida Dick has spoken about the role of social media in fanning the flames of disputes between groups that can result in violence. I would urge parents to monitor their children's use of mobile phones and social media as this is frequently the way young people communicate, often in an attempt to try and ensure parents or the authorities don't know what is being planned.

These problems are not just an issue for Waltham Forest. Much of London and the wider country has seen a rise in violence, but by working together we can try to ensure we keep each other and our children safe.

Richard Tucker

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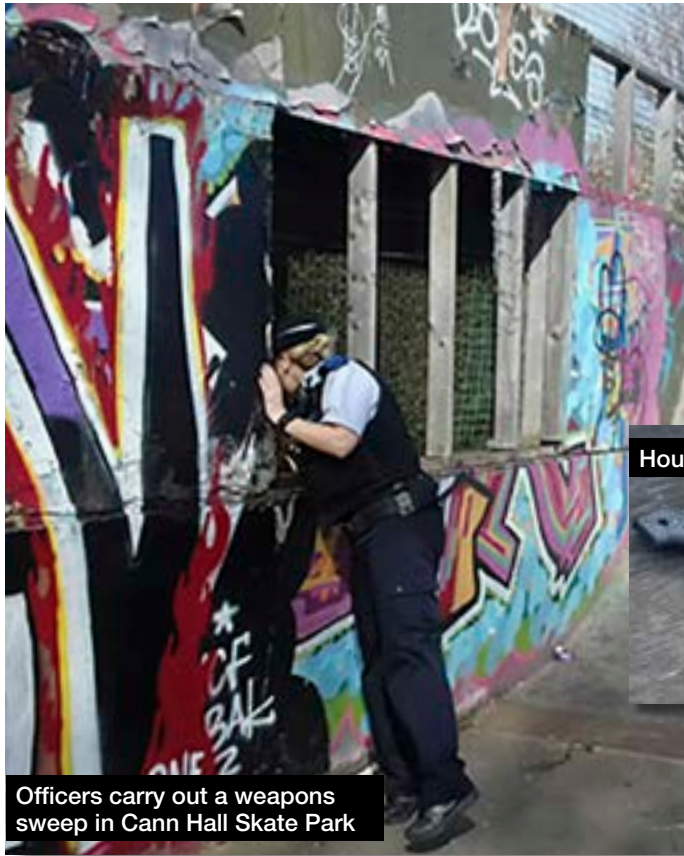
No hiding place for weapons

Over the last few months Waltham Forest police officers have been carrying out weapons sweeps in areas of the borough where there have been reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Uniformed and plain clothed officers have taken scores of deadly knives off the streets of the borough. These weapons are sent for forensic testing which can provide evidence to support criminal convictions.

A large kitchen knife was found on the grassed area of an estate in Walthamstow following reports of Anti-Social Behaviour, and a kitchen knife along with 24 bags of cannabis, hidden in a communal bin area was found by the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Leytonstone.

A household knife was handed to Schools Officer PC Warner by a member of the public who had found it hidden in the skate park in Cann Hall ward. A weapons sweep the same week uncovered another knife hidden under one of the ramps.

A combat knife was found tucked behind a rubbish chute in Walthamstow. A second combat knife was found by the Gangs Task Force who regularly carry out weapons sweeps while out on patrol.



Officers carry out a weapons sweep in Cann Hall Skate Park



Kitchen knife and cannabis found in Leytonstone



Household knife found during sweep



Military knife found during sweep



Combat knife found in Walthamstow

More info

If you know of someone who you believe is carrying a knife contact call Waltham Forest Police on **101**, or make an anonymous report via Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or at crimestoppers-uk.org

Speedy drivers caught in crack down

■ More than 50 drivers caught speeding in the borough over the last two months

Responding to concerns raised by residents police officers from Waltham Forest Safer Transport Team and the Met Police's Road and Transport Policing Command carried out five days of action at three hotspots in the borough.

"Speed is a key contribution to many road traffic accidents"

In total 51 motorists were caught speeding, with one driver being caught driving at 71mph per hour in a 30 mph zone. This driver had only just received his licence back after a previous disqualification for dangerous driving and had no insurance.



Officers carried out action days to catch speeding drivers

During the operations the speeding motorists were stopped and many secondary offences were uncovered, including driving without a licence or insurance as well as possession of cannabis.

In total three vehicles were seized by the officers.

All of the drivers will now face prosecution, where they could lose

their licence as well as receive a fine of up to £1,000.

PC Josh Richards led the operations, he said: "Speed is a key contribution to many road traffic accidents. Offenders need to be aware that if they are caught speeding, they will be stopped and prosecuted. This is for the protection of everyone else who

deserve to use our roads without fear or risk."

More info

If you want to report a concern about motorists speeding in your area, call Waltham Forest Police on **101**, or make an anonymous report via Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or at crimestoppers-uk.org

Statement from Martin Esom Waltham Forest Council Chief Executive



It is with great sadness we received news of the murder of 16 year old Amaan Shakoor earlier this month.

Specialist detectives from the Metropolitan Police attended the scene and are investigating the incident. Two people have been arrested in the investigation. Waltham Forest Council is working closely with the police to support the ongoing investigation, and with colleagues across the emergency services and partner organisations to keep our streets safe.

Neighbourhood Officers carry out joint patrols with Metropolitan Police colleagues so that we are visible in the community and are able to provide reassurance to anyone who has concerns.

This is not just an issue for Walthamstow or Waltham Forest. We have seen a worrying rise in violent incidents across the whole of London. The Mayor of London, borough leaders, and the Metropolitan Police are united: We must work together to respond to this increased risk. The Mayor's Office has pledged £15 million to tackle youth crime by funding educational, cultural and sports initiatives for the most disadvantaged young people across the capital. Waltham Forest Council supports and part-funds the work of Spark 2 Life, an outreach organisation which works with vulnerable young people on the streets to encourage them to make the best of their life chances and to avoid being drawn into crime.

M Esom.

More info

If anyone has information that may assist the investigation they are asked to call Waltham Forest Police on **101**, or make an anonymous report via Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or at crimestoppers-uk.org

Celebrating the people who work to

Keeping residents safe is one of the main priorities for the Council. We play a critical role in making sure we understand the risks children in our borough are exposed to and providing services, with our partners in the schools, health, emergency services and community groups, to reduce those risks.

Two National Award wins for Community Payback Supervisor Eddie



A Waltham Forest man, who has spent almost three decades supervising people sentenced to Community Payback for committing crimes, has been recognised with two prestigious national awards.

Eddie Simon is one of only 11 people across the UK to receive a prestigious Butler Trust Award from Her Royal Highness Princess Anne this year. In June, Eddie will be presented with a National Probation Awards Scheme Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 25 years of exceptionally high quality probation work.

“We need to get them through their Community Payback order and help them to understand it is a punishment”

Eddie is incredibly humble about the difference he has made to thousands of people's lives. The 58-year-old, who works for the



London Community Rehabilitation Company, said: “I talk to everyone I supervise about the positive impact their work is having on their community. We might be replanting flower beds, painting council fencing or fixing a leaky tap at a community sports ground. There is always an opportunity for them to learn new skills. I do my best to get people to see how this experience can benefit them in future, hopefully improving their employment opportunities.”

Hasan (not his real name) is close to completing his one year Community Payback order with

Eddie at Leyton cricket pavilion, which involves garden maintenance and cleaning the sports facilities. He said: “Eddie is a role model. Before I came here I did things without thinking. I was a bit off the rails. To start with I assumed Eddie was the enemy. But as soon as I spoke to him I knew he was down to earth. He has taught me patience. I would have got frustrated cleaning stuff that just gets dirty again before. I would have lost it, but I am much calmer now.” Hasan is now applying for a job as a security guard.

Eddie's manager, Peter Wilkins, said: “As a Community Payback Supervisor, you work with an array of diverse characters. The most important thing is to help them with the wealth of knowledge you have. Some people make a mistake and we all make mistakes. We need to get them through their Community Payback order and help them to understand it is a punishment – an opportunity to pay back the community for the crimes they have committed, an alternative to prison, but also an opportunity to turn their lives around.”

Our Work with Young Offenders

Young people who have been involved in crime are referred to Waltham Forest Council's Youth Offending Services by the courts. The service includes police, social workers, health professionals, probation and youth justice officers, who work with young people and their families to help turn their lives around.

Central to their approach is the use of restorative justice, where young people are given an

opportunity to face up to what they have done, take responsibility and make amends to the victim and the wider community. Community volunteers work alongside YOS workers to provide these interventions.

The service also connects the young people with education or training, including sports and arts organisations, in a bid to prevent them from returning to criminal behaviour. The young person's family receives support

too, to help strengthen the family bonds.

The YOS has an important role in the borough's gang prevention strategy ‘Enough is Enough’. It supports young people and their families who are at risk of exploitation from gangs, affiliated to a gang or who have been a victim of gang intimidation and violence.

Waltham Forest's YOS was praised last year in a report by the Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Probation.

Ellanora Clarke, Head of Youth Justice at the Council, said: “Many young people who are referred to our service have experienced trauma, which can include separation or the death of a family member, abuse, peer pressure, domestic violence or substance misuse. The YOS focuses on assisting these young people and their families to change their lives for the better.” The report also praised the YOS for including young people's views in how the

service should be run and being “in tune” with young people, including their use of social media.

More info

For more information about volunteering or the Youth Offending Service you can call **02084963000** or **Youth.Offending.Team@walthamforest.gov.uk**

reduce crime and promote unity

Think smart, live safe

■ Dez Brown tells Waltham Forest News why he started Sparks2Life



As a teenager Dez Brown got caught up in a spiral of crime including burglary, robbery and drugs. At 17 years old he was convicted for manslaughter – for stabbing a man who later died.

Soon afterwards Dez decided to transform himself after finding faith in God. While serving his prison sentence, he re-evaluated his life.

After his release several years later, Dez trained as a pastor and began speaking to young people in schools as a reformed criminal. Dez said: "I spoke to a guy who had been stabbed and who was looking to retaliate – and it had a massive impact."

Now 28 years on, he is the CEO of Greenleaf Trust and the founder of Spark2Life, a charity based in five boroughs including Waltham Forest that helps young people caught up in criminal activity to

escape and better themselves. Spark2Life also works with prisoners coming to the end of their sentences, supporting them in getting meaningful training or employment after their release.

"We build relationships so we can offer support and work on issues of conflict and to stop crime"

Dez has received several accolades for his work with Spark2Life. "While the police offer enforcement, we offer engagement," he explained. "We act as a voice for the offender to be there at the point of decision making, taking into account their experience."

Six other Spark2Life staff members are also reformed offenders who can empathise with the young people they work with and quickly gain trust. Spark2Life goes into schools and works with young people who are at risk of getting drawn into crime. "We encourage the children and teenagers to think smart and live safe and reduce the probability of being a criminal statistic," he said.

Dez and his team also do detached outreach work with young people at risk of becoming criminalised. "We can't just turn up when there is a problem – we build relationships so we can offer support and work on issues of conflict and to stop crime. You have to be in it for the long term – it's not a quick fix," he said.

Dez, who is training to be a counsellor, has identified three

key factors that can lead people to being lured into crime: a dysfunctional family, dysfunctional friends and no sense of purpose. Conversely, he said: "If your friends and family and sense of purpose are healthier then they offer more of a protective factor."

Over the years Dez and the Spark2Life team have worked with hundreds of young people who have turned their lives around. Recently he invited a young man to speak at a teaching conference with him. He said: "This young chap – his Dad was in and out of prison, his Mum had just passed away and he had gone to live with his Nan and Grandad. Then his Grandad passed away and his best friend got stabbed and he was there."

"There is only so much trauma that a person can take and he got kicked out of school and had threats on his life by the perpetrator of a violent offence." Spark2Life worked closely with this youngster and his teacher who wanted him to succeed.

Dez added: "He is now training to be a PE teacher. When he spoke at the conference, his story had a massive impact in reminding people that every person has the opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life and not to give up on them."

He strongly believes that faith – whatever religion you are – offers a moral code and is something many young people are happy to talk about when they are at risk of losing everything. "There is a mindset for a lot of these young people who are facing death, they are in a warzone. People entrenched in this level of criminal activity do not want to die but they realise in what they are doing, they can. And they tend to think about what is after death – they think about life, purpose and God. Faith can help people exit lifestyle choices because it can constructively challenge their moral compass," he said.

More info

For more information about Spark2Life please contact www.spark2life.co.uk & follow them on twitter: @Spark2L

In brief

How to report ASB

So you've had a lovely day enjoying the sunshine in Waltham Forest and now you want to spend the last few hours in one of our wonderful parks. But what's this? A group of troublemakers appear to be bothering other park users and are openly drinking. What do you do? Let someone know so that they can take action! You can report anti-social behaviour to the council or the local police quickly, easily and confidentially in a number of ways.

If the incident is taking place in a park or public space your local Neighbourhood Policing team will be the first point of contact. These teams have in-depth knowledge of their local areas and will be able to use their knowledge to respond swiftly and appropriately. You can make an online report via bit.ly/report-anti-social-behaviour or call 101 from your phone (max call cost 15p). Sometimes anti-social behaviour may be a problem when you are relaxing at home. There are a number of options to make a report depending on your living circumstances. Residents of council-owned properties or Waltham Forest Housing tenants should contact 020 8496 4197 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or email wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

If, however, you are a tenant of a housing association you should contact your managing agent to make them aware. They will work with the local police and council to look into the issue for you. **Private tenants or homeowners can report anti-social behaviour to Waltham Forest Council at ASBTEAM@walthamforest.gov.uk, or contact the Neighbourhood Policing team online at bit.ly/report-anti-social-behaviour or on 101.**



Residents can enjoy a healthy run with a qualified trainer before carrying out calorie-burning good deeds to help out in the community! The GoodGym group meet weekly on Wednesdays starting from Mirth, Marvel and Maud, Walthamstow at 6.45pm. Interested in doing good and feeling good? Get more info at bit.ly/GoodGymWF

Join the Volunteer Police Cadets



The Waltham Forest Volunteer Police Cadets are currently recruiting across all six of their units. Young people between the ages of 10 and 19 who have an interest in learning more about the police, the law or are just looking for something different to do can apply.

The Volunteer Police Cadets learn everything that police officers do, from how to safely stop and search people, to arresting them and booking them in to custody. Cadets get the opportunity to learn self-defence, how to be safe, what the police can and cannot do and how to gather evidence from the scene of a crime. There is also training in communication, self-confidence, first aid, drill, discipline and Duke of Edinburgh award training.

As well as the traditional training, cadets enjoy a social element to being part of the

unit, including the opportunity to take part in paintballing, adventure training, camping and competitions. Once the cadets have gained some experience they can take part in test purchase operations with the local council, crime prevention patrols with serving police officers, helping out at events like the London marathon and even taking part in the route line for the Trooping of the Colour on the Queen's birthday.

Junior cadets, (10–12 year olds) meet for one hour a week. Senior cadets, (13–18 year olds) meet for two and a half hours per week.

More info

For more information contact PC Stuart REID on **020 8345 3013** or email **stuart.reid@met.police.uk**

You can make a special difference

■ **It's not like being a police officer – it is being a police officer**

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Age, gender, childcare commitments or feeling that a career in the police is out of reach, needn't be a barrier to becoming a special, we can deal with that.

Every day is different. Specials in Waltham Forest have recently dealt with a range of incidents including a vulnerable resident with mental health issues, a drink drive accident in which the driver was accompanied by his young child, a case of fraud, theft from an elderly



person, arson and grievous bodily harm.

Whether you aspire to become a long-term volunteer, or join as a regular constable you'll make a real difference to your community by reducing crime – and the fear of crime whilst gaining unique experiences you simply can't get anywhere else.

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The voice of young people changing the way we work

A special team of young people are working with the council and our partners to change the way we work.

The group of young people make up two groups, the council's Young Advisors and Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG), some of whom are ex-offenders, or victims of crime, who come together with the council and partners to influence how services are delivered to the borough's children and young people.

Many stories featuring young people are related to crime or antisocial behaviour, but the reality is that the overwhelming majority of young people make a positive contribution to our community. They study hard to make the most of their life chances and take part in sports, arts and other productive activities.

Daniel Phelps, the Director for Early Help Services said:

"I am proud of the work that the Young Advisors and the Young



Young Advisors at YIAG summer event

"They are also helping us to come up with solutions when things go wrong in our community and affect young people."

Independent Advisory Group are doing; they are working with the Council, Police and Health Services to improve services so other young people's experience of these services is a good one. They are also helping us to come up with solutions when things go wrong in our community and affect young people."

Recently the youngsters have been working with the council to give feedback to a commission tasked with improving the life chances of our young people. Using this and other feedback the council will be drawing up a Youth Charter which will outline our commitments to our young people, as well as organising a youth

takeover day.

A small number of members from each group have been trained as mental health ambassadors. They have been working with secondary school pupils to carry out peer consultation workshops, as well as advising on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Members of the YIAG are also trained to deliver peer workshops and work with the Youth Offending Service to talk to their peers about topics which affect young people including the dangers of carrying a knife, or stop and search. Last month the group delivered an assembly to 160 students from the Big Creative Academy, about how to stay safe.

More info

Young Advisors are recruiting this summer. If you are a interested in applying, follow us @WFyoungadvisors

Combatting Scammers

In London alone last year there were nearly 4,500 reported cases of fraud among the over 65s – an average of 12 reports every day. But with many older people reluctant to report this kind of crime, Age UK is warning that the actual figure is likely to be much higher.

Age UK Waltham Forest has launched a brand new scams prevention and victim support pilot programme in partnership with Action Fraud.

The programme is designed to raise awareness of different types of scams and empower older people in the area to feel safer, more secure and confident at spotting and avoiding scams.

Emma Tozer, Chief Executive of Age UK Waltham Forest, is urging older people in the borough to be vigilant, she said: "If there is any doubt about the authenticity of an offer or piece of correspondence, people should not respond to it but instead report it to the authorities immediately.

"Although anyone can be a victim of a scam, older people – particularly those who live alone or with cognitive impairment – are at greater risk of falling victim to certain scams.

"Financial losses are common, but being scammed can also seriously affect people's quality of life and wellbeing. Many older people experience a deep sense of shame, embarrassment, depression, social isolation and a decline in physical health, with some even losing their independence following a scam."

The new programme will initially be tested by Age UK Waltham Forest (and three other Age UKs in London) with the aim for it to be rolled out nationally.

To book an appointment with one of the team to find out more about recognising and avoiding scams contact Age UK Waltham Forest on 0208 558 5512, visits can be in the comfort of your own home or you can have an appointment at the organisations offices in Chingford Mount. The team would also like to hear from clubs or groups in the borough that would like an awareness raising session.

Officer out on the hunt for wildlife criminals

If you live in Waltham Forest you're never more than 20 minutes' walk from wild nature: whether it's the kingfishers and water voles of Walthamstow Wetlands, or fallow deer and badgers roaming the ancient woodlands of Epping Forest. But who protects our local wildlife?

Detective Constable David Saffery usually works in the Criminal Investigation Department in Leyton, but as Waltham Forest Police Borough Wildlife Crime Officer you might find him snooping under bushes or even climbing trees.

"I've had to crawl through muddy hedges to investigate poison laid for foxes," he said, "and wade across marshland to retrieve a dead swan which someone thought had been deliberately killed."

In fact the swan had died of electrocution after flying into power lines, but it is David's job to investigate every allegation of wildlife crime in the borough.

"It's a wide remit: everything from traders picking wild mushrooms to sell to restaurants, to collectors trapping wild finches to put in cages as songbirds. Wild birds,

"One seller imported illegal animal specimens like pickled lizards and monkey heads to sell on eBay"

animals and plants have legal protection, but we rely on members of the public to report potential crimes. We have an amazing range

of local wildlife—we need to work hard to protect it."

David points out that if you trade in endangered species you also risk breaking the law. "Lots of people think they can evade us by selling online, but I've seized fur coats made from dead leopards; stuffed turtles; and even a wastepaper basket made from a baby elephant's foot. One seller imported illegal animal specimens like pickled lizards and monkey heads to sell on eBay—and ended up with a six month prison sentence."



Illegally imported monkey head



Wastepaper basket made from a baby elephant's foot



Wild goldfinch trapped and kept as a songbird

More info

If you witness a suspected serious wildlife crime in action, call 999 immediately, and if it is safe to do so, take photos of what is happening. In all other instances call 101.

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We are looking for a unique logo to be used across all promotional materials and merchandising and want you to submit your original designs. This is a once in a lifetime chance to be part of the legacy of our exciting year ahead.

The winning entry will receive a prize of £1000 and will be developed into Waltham Forest's official logo for London Borough of Culture 2019.

Submit your ideas by **Wednesday 16th May**
Read the brief and how to submit at **wfculture19.co.uk**

This competition is open to Waltham Forest residents, students and businesses only and entrants must be 16+ years. Subject to Terms & Conditions as stated in the brief.

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Sir Matthew Bourne returns to his roots

World renowned choreographer and director Sir Matthew Bourne, who grew up in Waltham Forest, is delighted that the borough is the first Borough of Culture.

Sir Matthew, who is famous for his adaptations of ballets and films including Swan Lake, Cinderella and Edward Scissorhands, was talking to students this week at Sir George Monoux College, where he once studied himself.

A supporter of the Borough of Culture campaign, he said: "It wasn't really a Borough of Culture when I lived here. And the fact that it is now the London Borough of Culture is absolutely fantastic.

"I think everyone should really grab it and make the most of it. I think it will be a springboard for lots of new things that will continue and hopefully it will have a big legacy."

Asked about the importance of funding for the borough of culture, Sir Matthew said: "Where would our lives be without the arts – where would our lives be without the music we love, without the films that we love, the plays we go and see whatever it may be, whatever your passion is.

"I would say it is necessary to make us better people to make us understand each other better to make us look at the world in a different way, to make us feel things."

Sir Matthew also talked about the influence of his parents – the Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly movies they used to watch, how they would all sing to music like Frank Sinatra and the theatrical productions they took him too – even though they could only afford tickets for the cheap seats. And he talked about the highlight of his career – taking his Mum and Dad to Broadway in New York when he received two Tony awards for his production of Swan Lake.

He told students that he used to hide his interest in dance when he was growing up, but was proud that he was able to make it so popular and that he'd like to be remembered on his gravestone for "bringing dance to a much wider audience". And answering questions he said he would consider incorporating hip hop and break dancing to his productions.

Talking about how he used to love being on stage, he said he now loves nurturing talent and added: "I feel so lucky to be still doing what I do thirty years on



Sir Matthew Bourne. Photo credits: Carter Berlinka (A-Level Photography) and Thomas Howard (BTEC Extended Diploma Media)

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from starting this company. It is something not to be taken for granted and I feel very lucky that I can actually have an idea and I can see it through to being on stage."

David Vasse, Principal of George Monoux College, said: "Matthew has been back to the college on regular occasions and this time we wanted to do something special to make it feel like a live TV show. He gave us incredible insight and advice to young people about growing up and being yourself."

Chris Leach, Creative Pathway Leader at Sir George Monoux College, whose students were involved in the 'Back the Bid' campaign, said: "I have become the person I am today because of the

cultural diversity of Waltham Forest. Walthamstow has always been my home but it has also been a great source of inspiration throughout my entire life. I aim to inspire that same enthusiasm about the borough in learners from across London."

Many of Chris' students were involved in the back the bid campaign. He added: "The students really threw themselves into their work when they realised that they would be helping Waltham Forest secure its rightful and well-deserved place as the First London Borough of Culture.

"Whenever possible, we include the local arts community into the work that we do at the college. Media students have had their



Sir Matthew Bourne speaks to student. Photo credits: Carter Berlinka (A-Level Photography) and Thomas Howard (BTEC Extended Diploma Media)

films screened at the Walthamstow International Film Festival, art students exhibit their final pieces as part of the E17Arts Trail and last summer Performing Arts staff and students performed at the

Walthamstow Garden Party. We are as much a part of the local community as the community is a part of us and that is why we are so proud that Waltham Forest is the First London Borough of Culture."

Are you the new Borough of Culture apprentice?

When Waltham Forest launched its bid to be the very first London Borough of Culture, there was an ambition that we would not only put our amazing borough and its fantastic people on the map but also create new opportunities for our residents in the creative and cultural industry.

As our plans for our incredible year of culture progress, we are bringing together a new team to

deliver it. We're looking for two apprentices to help us deliver our exciting and ambitious events programme of arts and culture events and activities working with partners, local organisations, residents and the community.

Not only will our apprentices have the opportunity to develop their skills as Waltham Forest takes center stage but they will also benefit from a training and mentoring programme, receiving

a Level 4 Diploma in Project Management and access to internal professional development to kick start their cultural career. Those interested should **visit bit.ly/BOCApprenticeship**.

The two project management apprenticeships are just part of our commitment to ensuring that the Borough of Culture leaves a lasting legacy and grows our creative community by creating a new generation of trained cultural

apprentices and volunteers, and the right environment for skills to flourish.

Over the coming months we'll be announcing new programmes, apprenticeships and an exciting volunteer programme giving everyone in the borough the opportunity to be part of this amazing opportunity. Keep an eye on wfculture19.co.uk for updates, events and more.

Sports and fitness

1950s Jive Classes and Social Dance

Every Tuesday, 8pm onwards
The Plough and Harrow, 419 Leytonstone High Road, E11 4JU

Come and join us for beginners 1950s Jive classes. It's a fun way to exercise and enjoy yourself while gaining the confidence to get out and dance. Our classes are for beginners, so no dance background or experience is needed. The classes will run on a weekly on a drop-in basis so anyone can join at any time, no partner needed. Class 8pm– 9pm. £5 per person **Phone 0208 493 0303 or email tricia@the-chicken-shack.com** for more details.

Beginners/ intermediate Pilates

Mondays 6.15pm at St Gabriel's Havant Road E17 3JF
Wednesdays (beginners) and Thursdays (intermediate) 7.30pm at St Anne's Larkshall Road E4 6NP
These relaxed, friendly classes are perfect for anyone who is new to Pilates or looking for a way to ease into exercise. Strengthen, stretch and relax in this positive environment and get your body working at it's best. All abilities welcome...you can challenge yourself as much or as little as you like. **Email: info@truebalance.co.uk info@truebalance.co.uk** for more details or visit **www.truebalance.co.uk**

Chingford Bowling Club Open Day

Saturday the 28 April, and Sunday 13 May, 2pm
Memorial Park South Chingford
Car Park access Ainslie Wood Road.
To welcome prospective New Members and for beginners to learn the wonderful game. Equipment, coaching and refreshments will be available. A all you require is flat soled footwear. **Contact Jeff Runciman 07881 412 035**

Zumba with Zoe

Wednesdays 7.30pm
The Cornerstone Centre
149 Canterbury Road, Leyton, E10 6EH
Established in 2010, come and join East London's most popular and friendly class! Classes are great fun, an excellent way to keep fit, lose weight and every class feel like a party. Low impact, high energy with easy to follow moves to a mix of different music and dance styles. £5 per class.
Contact details info@zumbazoe.co.uk or visit www.zumbazoe.co.uk

NEW FIGHT KLUB® Classes

Mondays, 7.30pm
Paradox Centre, 3 Ching Way, Chingford E4 8YE
Drum & Bass Workout
FIGHT KLUB® is the high intensity fun workout that makes getting in shape an addiction. Set to music, the program is a

combination of boxing, kick boxing and dance. A workout built around a freestanding punch bag using simple combinations of kicks and punches whilst keeping time with the high energy beat. Class are for all fitness level, bring your gloves.

Contact Jam'up Fitness 07572 441 324 www.fightklub.co.uk Register your interest by clicking on the link **www.bookwhen.com/fkchingford**

Wednesday Badminton

Wednesdays 8–10pm
Peter May Sports Centre
135 Wadham Road, E17 4HR
For intermediate, and more experienced players too. £5 for two hours.
For more information, phone Martin on 07813 501 648

Box&Core

Mondays, 7pm
Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, E17 9RZ
Brand new day and time! A total body workout that targets more than just your arms. Combining technique drills and core strengthening exercises, to appeal to both the novice looking for fun and a release of tension; as well as the amateur boxer wanting to improve their skills and stamina. Gloves provided but welcome to bring your own!
£7 drop in – discounts for adv. payment.
For more info, phone 07903 629 636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com

Zumba® Fitness

Saturdays, 10am
YMCA East London 642 Forest Road, E17 3EF
Due to popular demand we have opened an additional class! Wear low tread, supportive trainers and bring a bottle of water to enjoy this exhilarating dance fitness class in a low pressure atmosphere!
£7 drop in – discounts for adv. payment.
For more info, phone 07903 629 636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com

Legs Bums & Tums

Saturdays, 11.15am
YMCA East London 642 Forest Road, E17 3EF (our brand new location!)
A fantastic way to tone your entire body with of course, special attention focused on your legs, glutes and abdominal muscles. Combining conditioning and aerobic exercises to reduce fat whilst shaping and lifting your legs, bum and tum! Bring a bottle of water and wear clothes you're comfortable to move in.
£7 drop in – discounts for adv. payment.
For more info, phone Chloe 07903 629 636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com

Zumba Fitness

Saturdays 12noon
All Saints Church, 47 Melbourne Road, Leyton E10 7HF
Start your weekend off right with a fun, energetic workout. Join us for dance workout in a no pressure, friendly class.

No need to book just turn up with a bottle of water ready to dance and sweat. Only £4
Contact: 07939 873 518/afranklin_zumbafitness@yahoo.co.uk

Lawn Bowls For Beginners

Mondays 10am–12.30pm
Lloyd Park, E17
Walthamstow Borough Bowls Club welcomes new players to try the game of lawn bowls on Monday mornings. No experience necessary and your first session is free. Experienced players also welcome.
Contact Bob Belam on 07754 667 638 or bob.belam@gmail.com

Clubs and community

Volunteers to monitor water voles

Between 15 April and 15 June
Wildlife charity, People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), is calling on all wildlife enthusiasts to help monitor signs of the UK's disappearing water voles as part of its annual National Water Vole Monitoring Programme (NWWMP). This year, the NWWMP starts on 15 April and runs until 15 June.

Volunteers are asked to survey one of the nearly 900 pre-selected sites across the UK, recording all sightings and signs of water voles along a 500m length of riverbank once during the course of the two-month period. **To find out more, or to take part in PTES's 2018 National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, visit www.ptes.org/watervoles**

Highams Park Live

Thursday 26 April – 7.30pm–11pm
Upstairs at The County Arms, 420 Hale End Rd, Highams Park E4 9PB
Highams Park Live presents an acoustic evening of live music performance with an eclectic programme of local songwriters, poets and storytellers. Performers are booked in advance – please contact info@highamsparklive.co.uk for performing at future events. The event is free and if you want to be part of the audience then please come along on the night and be inspired by the creative atmosphere! **For more information www.highamsparklive.co.uk**

The Chicken Shack Band Night with The River Boys

Saturday 21st April, 8pm
The Plough and Harrow, 419 Leytonstone High Road, E11 4JUA great night with DJs' providing great Rock'n'Roll tunes all night Doors at 8pm Entrance £5 per person **Phone 0208 493 0303 or email tricia@the-chicken-shack.com** for more details

BYGL's Console Games & Tournaments Club

Bring Your Game London
430 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE
Every Tuesday to Friday 3pm–9.30pm and Saturdays: 11am–9.30pm
Looking for a fun a group to join? Become a

member of Learn new skills, play, socialise, compete, win prizes. Play popular console games including FIFA18, Fortnite BR, Tekken7, Call of Duty, GTA V, etc. 7–15yrs, £7/day, 16+yrs, £10/day Monthly Saturday memberships available
Drinks and snacks available for purchase.
Call Paul: 020 8923 2526 / 07432 019 327. E-mail: byglondon@gmail.com www.bygl.co.uk

Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Grand Duke'

Friday 4 May, 7.30pm, Saturday 5 May at 2.30pm, Saturday 5 May 5 at 7.30pm Sunday 6 May, 2.30pm
CentrE17, 1 Church Hill, Walthamstow, E17 3AB
Chapel End Savoy Players are presenting Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Grand Duke" as a series of semi-staged concerts. The venue is CentrE17, the new performing arts centre in the heart of Walthamstow. Although Grand Duke is a performance rarity, it makes for great entertainment for all ages. CentrE17 is a 5 minute walk from Walthamstow Central bus, train and underground station. **Contact details Box Office : https://thecentre17.com Telephone : 020 8529 3143**

St Barnabas Sunday Concerts: 'Strings Attached'

Sunday 27 May, 4–5pm
St Barnabas Church, E17 8JZ
Music for Heart and Soul – A programme of Classical, Popular and World Music played by guest quartet M-Strings with violinist Mariah Tucker, and singers Gillian Keith and Tom Randle. Reception following. Admission FREE (Donations gratefully accepted: £5–£10 suggested). **Find us on Facebook: St Barnabas Sunday Concerts**

Church Lane Community Garden

Saturdays 10am–4pm, Tuesdays 11pm–4pm
Harold Road E11 4QX, next to the children's playground and the footbridge over the Central line.
Come along to Transition Leytonstone's award-winning community garden. Organic fruit and veg, plants to buy, gardening tools to borrow, growing tips, regular workshops. Volunteering opportunities too

Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 10.30am–3pm
St John's Church, Church Lane, E11 1HB (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road)
A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone.
For more information or to volunteer, email stall@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 3090

Salsa dance class

Thursdays 7–8pm and Sundays 2–3pm
Walthamstow Trades Hall, 61–63 Tower Hamlets Road, London, E17 4RQ.

Beginners Salsa classes with Alberto. Our fun and friendly crossbody Salsa classes will give you the confidence to step onto the dance floor. Make new friends, learn new moves and have fun. Join us! Only £5 per class, first lesson free.

For more information or bookings call Alberto 07429 440 428, email info@alberto.dance, www.alberto.dance

College Amateur Operatic Society

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30–10.00pm
Waltham Forest College, Forest Road E17 4JB
Come and join our 80th Anniversary musical production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers on July 2018 at Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford. All Walthamstow singers/actors welcome!
Please contact Victoria at 07941 310 562

Culture and crafts

Excel is interesting! (honest)

26 April 2018, 10am–12.30pm
Waltham Forest Resource Hub North, 58 Hall Lane, Chingford E4 8EU
Computer Course for people aged 50+.
Excel mistakenly has the reputation of being "just for accountants and people who work with figures". As a result, some people assume "it's not for them" and miss out on something really useful. There are lots of uses that don't have any numbers or calculations at all. Come along to this beginner's session and see how it could be of use to you. You might be surprised. We'll even show you free alternatives to the chargeable products. Cost is £5. **For more information or to book, phone Age UK Waltham Forest on 020 8558 5512 or email info@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk**

Introduction to Tablet Computers Course

3 and 10 May 2018, 10am–12.30pm
Waltham Forest Resource Hub North, 58 Hall Lane, Chingford E4 8EU
Computer Course for people aged 50+.
Is a Tablet computer right for me? We will show you how to use one starting from the basics (e.g. how do I turn it on). The course comprises two sessions, a week apart, of 2.5 hours each. We will provide you with your own tablet in each session so you can try out what is being demonstrated and see if a Tablet computer is suitable for your needs. Cost is £12.50. **For more information or to book, phone Age UK Waltham Forest on 020 8558 5512 or email info@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk**

E17 Designers at E17 Village Market

Saturday 12 May, 10.30–3.30pm
Waltham Forest Community Hub (Asian Centre), 18a Orford Road, Walthamstow Village, E17 9LN
E17 Designers will be pairing up with the long established E17 Village Market to host a selection of makers indoors. Come and check us out for early summer wedding gifts, Suzie Cakes in the Kitchen,

plus outside The Greek Café, street food, Wood Street coffee and more. Enjoy a wedding medley from choir Natural Voices, facepainting, food, coffee, tea and cake. **For more info visit www.e17designers.co.uk**

An evening with Nelly Miricioiu

Friday 4 May, 7.15pm
All Saints Church Hall, Church Avenue Highams Park E4 9QZ
Forest Recorded Music Society Presents An evening with Nelly Miricioiu
Nelly Miricioiu (soprano) is one of the World's leading Opera singers. She has sung leading roles at Covent Garden, La Scala Milan, the Metropolitan, New York and elsewhere. She will be talking about her life and career and playing some of her own recordings. Admission to non-members £6 (members £3). New members are welcome. **For more information call Andrew Golds (Chairman) on 020 8531 5695**

Two Free English Conversation Clubs

Mondays, 9.30–11am, Mondays, 7.30–9pm
Christ Church Leyton, 73 Francis Road, Leyton, E10 6PL
Would you like to practice speaking English? Come take part in talking with others in a relaxed setting. Classes are on Mondays during school term time. All are welcome, but a beginning level of English is helpful. Sorry, no child care is available. **For more information contact: info@christchurchleyton.org.uk or call 020 8539 0193**

E17 Swedish language course

Wednesdays 7pm and 8.10pm
Peterhouse Centre, 122, Forest Rise, Upper Walthamstow Rd, Walthamstow, London E17 3PW
Learn Swedish in these beginners/ intermediate and conversation courses classes. Relaxed, fun and productive for adults. Pay £110 for a term of ten 60 minute lessons in a small group (beginners). Individual lessons also available. **For more info phone Christian Karlsson on 07958 471 083, email chris@e17swedish.com or visit www.e17swedish.com.**

Life Drawing

Every Thursday, 7.30–9.30pm
Mornington Hall, The Green Walk, Chingford E4 7EN
We are a local life drawing group in Chingford. We meet up for untutored drawing with professional models from all backgrounds. Basic art materials will be provided free such as A2 newsprint papers, charcoal, pencils, rubbers and putty. Sketching papers will be available for purchase at small cost. You are always welcome to bring your art materials. Price: £8.50 drop-in. **For more info email: jseram@outlook.com or visit www.meetup.com/Chingford-Life-Drawing/**

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Gayle Chong Kwan: The People's Forest

Saturday 3 March – Sunday 20 May
Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm.
Epping Forest is the inspiration for Gayle Chong Kwan's exhibition at the William Morris Gallery, explored through installation, photography and sculpture. Free entry. **Visit www.wmgallery.org.uk for more information.**

Film Bites

Every other Thursday, plus Sunday specials.
Vestry House Museum
Film Bites brings 4k screenings of classic cinema to Walthamstow's Vestry House Museum, accompanied by film-inspired food and drink by local suppliers. Tickets £20 + booking fee (includes dinner). **Book at filmbites.co.uk and [facebook.com/filmbitescreenings](https://www.facebook.com/filmbitescreenings).**

The In-between: An Ode to Epping Forest

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm until Sunday 2 September 2018
Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NH
An exhibition by the artist Rachel Lillie, revealing the history of Epping Forest and the hidden stories that have shaped its landscape. Drawings and hand carved 'artefacts', inspired by Lillie's walks through the forest. Free entry. **Visit www.vestryhousemuseum.org.uk for more information.**

Strung Out Violin classes for Adults

Tuesdays, Easy, 6.30pm; Improvers 7.30pm; Thursdays, Intermediates, 7pm; NEW!
Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Recruiting now for new Absolute Beginners class. Got a violin in the attic you want to dust down? Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with Alison Jones, who has worked across the globe as a professional musician for over 35 years. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional. Private lessons also available. **For information, please email strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com www.shapeshifter-productions.com**

Children and young people

BYGL's Kids Gamer Club

Every Sunday 11am–6pm
Bring Your Game London
430 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE
Join a friendly group of parents and Children each weekend. Play PS4, Xbox & Nintendo games together, socialise and have fun. 7–10yrs, £5/day 11–15yrs, £7/day 16+yrs, £10/day (limited access) Monthly Sunday-Memberships available. **Call Debra: 020 8923 2526 / 07432 019 327**
E-mail: admin@bygl.co.uk
www.bygl.co.uk

Forest Kids ClubMessy Play

Wednesday 25 April 10am–12 Noon
Wingrove Hall, Beech Hall Road, London E4 9NT
A new weekly messy playgroup, suitable for ages 10 months–4 years. Craft table, playdough modelling (home made in vibrant colours and variety of rollers, cutters, and more), tactile play, painting, and nature table. Watch out for jelly & foam play, flour and water, cornflour dough, ice and many more. Nature table – A variety of natural objects, such as pinecones, bark, acorns, echnuts. Sessions are based on child-led play principle. Hot drinks and snacks available to buy. **Contact details: 07596 054 550 / 07895 609 000**

Super-worms

Saturday 12 May 2018, 10am–1pm
Learn all about why worms are so important and how to identify different types of worms. We will survey for worms using OPAL Citizen Science resources to record our findings. There will be a self-led nature trail and crafts. **Book your free place at: www.cheneyrowparksuperworms.eventbrite.co.uk**

Waltham Forest Youth Theatre

Thursdays 4.30pm–5.30pm, Saturdays 10.30am–12noon
Forest Community Centre, Guildford Road, Walthamstow E17 4EA
We work towards group and individual Trinity College exams and towards performing on a stage and to build confidence. Our classes are managed and taught by qualified, experienced and professional teachers, and are suitable for children aged 6 to 10 years. **Phone Michael 07860 716 295 email mep@btclick.com or visit www.walthamforestyouththeatre.co.uk**

New Dance Classes for 4+

Sherm Hall Methodist Church, Shernhall St, Walthamstow, E17 9HX
Ballet, Tap and Freestyle Dance classes for all ages (various days and times depending

on age). We are a small friendly school where all classes are taught by myself an IDTA qualified teacher in a fun atmosphere. **Check out our website www.avoladanceacademy.co.uk for more information contact Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk**

Melody Movement – New Term

Friday Mornings 10am
Sherm Hall Methodist Church, Shernhall St, Walthamstow, E17 9HX
The only Melody Movement school in Waltham Forest, offering dance and movement from age 2. A small fun class taught by a qualified IDTA teacher. Involving dance, movement, dressing up and music. Collect sticker's to complete a work card, on completion of 12 lessons, a medal is received. £5 per week. Ring now to book as numbers are limited. **Contact Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk www.avoladanceacademy.co.uk**

Football Coaching Sessions

Saturday 9.30–10.30 am
Forest Academy, Low Hall Sports Ground, South Access Road, Walthamstow, E17 8AX
For children 4–14. £5 per session **For more info call Steve on 07956 553 655**

Free Children's Karate Lessons

Fridays 5pm
New Road Methodist Church, New Road, Chingford E4 9EU
Your first lesson is free just phone Robert on 07951 309914
Or email robertfresco@talktalk.net www.rodingkarateclub.co.uk

Children's Yoga in Lloyds Park

Fridays (term times)
3.40–4.10pm Adventure Yoga age 2–6
4.15–5pm Adventure Yoga age 6–12
Le Délice in the Park, Winns Terrace, E17 5SQ
Educational themed based yoga incorporating the Montessori method and other learning methods. Yoga games, postures, dynamic flow and much, much more all in one session. Aiming to improve balance, strength and coordination. First session £3. **Phone, text, email or book online. Michelle 07505 778409, blisscubs@hotmail.com <http://blisscubs.wixsite.com/yoga>**

Council Meetings

Tuesday 24 April

Shareholder Committee, 2pm
Cabinet, 2pm
Housing Scrutiny Committee, 7pm
Health Scrutiny Committee, 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 April

Pension Board, 10.30am
Children and Families Scrutiny Committee, 7.30pm
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee, 7.30 pm

Monday 30 April

Communities Scrutiny Committee, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 1 May

Planning Committee, 7pm

Monday 21 May

Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods Board, 7pm

Tell us what's on

Email your event details to:

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

The deadline for 14 May 2018 edition is Friday 27 April

Please note inclusion cannot be guaranteed, due to the high volume of requests received.

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Spring is in the air at Walthamstow Wetlands



Walthamstow Wetlands

Spring is always considered a good month for birding at Walthamstow Wetlands but this year it is proving truly exceptional. The highlight so far has been a stunning male white-spotted bluethroat – the first at Walthamstow since 1936. Other rare sightings have included a male european serin, an over-wintering little bunting and the spectacular hoopoe – last seen at the reservoirs some twenty years ago. It is estimated that

well over 1,000 birders, from as far afield as Liverpool and Limerick, came to see and enjoy the little bunting over its 77-day stay.

There is a vast array of wildlife to see on your next visit to Walthamstow Wetlands. The Council has worked with the London Wildlife Trust and Thames Water on a long-term project to improve wildlife habitats across the reserve, planting reed beds, trees and wildflower meadows.

The nature reserve is internationally important for its birdlife, and yet only 15 minutes from central London.

Walthamstow Wetlands offers a unique opportunity to connect audiences with nature in the very heart of an urban setting. Working with the local community, Walthamstow Wetlands serves people of all ages and interests, encouraging them to use the space to observe wildlife and get close to nature. Spring is an especially great

time to visit and learn about why the site is so special and needs to be protected.

More info

Walthamstow Wetlands, 2 Forest Road, London N17 9NH
Visit walthamstowwetlands.com or email info@walthamstowwetlands.com
Open daily, 9.30am–5pm.
Accessible to all.
Twitter: @E17Wetlands
Facebook: @Walthamstow Wetlands

In brief

Recruitment open days

Saturday 28 April, 9am–12.30pm

Leyton Leisure Centre

763 High Road Leyton E10 5AB

Monday 30 April, 6pm–8pm

Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre

170 Chingford Road E17 5AA

GLL is currently recruiting for a number of positions across Waltham Forest such as Fitness Class Instructors, Swimming Teachers, Lifeguards*, Sports Coaches, Customer Service Advisors, Catering Assistants and Crèche Assistant. Whether your passion is fitness or working with people, come and see us and find out where you'll fit in.

*To note for Lifeguard positions, Lifeguard swim tests will be taken between 9am & 9.30am on Saturday 28th April and between 6pm & 6.30pm on Monday 30 April, with interviews to follow.

Speak to our managers on the day to find out what it's like working for GLL, the benefits on offer and hours available.

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Date	Time	Venue
18th May	10.30am - 1.00pm	Leyton Resource Hub, 1 Russell Road, Leyton, E10 7ES
18th May	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Leyton Resource Hub, 1 Russell Road, Leyton, E10 7ES
25th May	10.30am - 1.00pm	Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9QD
25th May	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9QD
4th June	10.30am - 1.00pm	The Mill, 7-11 Copper Mill Lane, Walthamstow, E17 7HA
4th June	2.00pm - 4.30pm	The Mill, 7-11 Copper Mill Lane, Walthamstow, E17 7HA
22nd June	10.30am - 1.00pm	Epicentre, 41 West Street, Leytonstone, E11 4LJ
22nd June	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Epicentre, 41 West Street, Leytonstone, E11 4LJ



Planning

London Borough of Waltham Forest, Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 – Section 67. Notice is Hereby Given that the following application affecting a building within a conservation area has been made to the Council.			
Application no:	Name of Applicant:	Site Address:	Proposal
180730	Mr Peter Jackson	Hillside, 4 Vestry Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 9NH	Installation of wooden sliding gate to existing fence.
180493	The Owner and/or Occupier	18–20 St James Street, Walthamstow, E17 7PF	Construction of two storey rear extension to create a 2 x 2 bedroom flats with a rear balcony at first floor level.
180314	The Owner and/or Occupier	9 Church End, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RJ	Construction of a three storey extension to the rear and conversion of St Mary’s Welcome Centre into eleven self-contained flats (1 x studio flat, 2 x 1 bed, 6 x 2 bed, 2 x 3 bed unit). Demolition of pair of existing semi-detached church houses (No. 9–10 Church End) and construction of a part two and part three storey new mixed use building with ground floor community centre and nursery (D1 Use) and three self-contained flats above (1 x 1 bed and 2 x 2 bed) together with associated landscaping, public realm works, refuse and cycle storage.
181029	Ms Alison Barnes	56a Grosvenor Park Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 9PG	Installation of one roof light to front roof, one to rear roof and removal of two upper windows at first floor rear elevation.
181031	Ms Alison Barnes	56a Grosvenor Park Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 9PG	Construction of single storey rear extension.
The application is available to view on the following website: https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/search-planning-applications . Any views you would like to make for the above proposal, must be submitted in writing to the Council within 21 days of the date of this letter. Due to the number of correspondence (letters, emails etc) received by the Council relating to planning applications, it will not be possible to acknowledge or respond to your correspondences should you submit any. However, all views/comments received are fully considered during the assessment of the planning application. Please note that the planning file, including correspondence received for the application, are open to the public. Dated this day 23 April 2018, Adrian Harding, Interim Head of Development Management and Building Control, London Borough of Waltham Forest			

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
PROPOSED PARKING AMENDMENTS CHANGES TO EXISTING PARKING PLACES IN CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES (CPZ)
(Note: This notice is about reducing the length of certain parking places in the roads described below so as to allow for the installation of secure bicycle parking structures instead.) (T21(18))
The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. X) Order 2018
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No. X) Order 2018
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to reduce by 3 metres the length of either permit or pay by phone parking space* ** at the locations and CPZs mentioned below to allow for the provision of secure bicycle parking structures on the highway *(as authorized under section 63 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*

and exempted by the London Borough of Waltham Forest Waiting and Loading Consolidation Order 2016):

I.	Marten Road (LPN)	E17
	Outside No. 5	
II.	Erskine Road (MENW)	E17
	Outside No. 74	
III.	Warner Road (MW)	E17
	Outside No. 121 / 123	
IV.	Chatham Road (BL)	E17
	Outside No. 4	
V.	Hawarden Road (BR)	E17
	Outside No. 46	
VI.	Chewton Road (MW)	E17
	Outside No. 58 / 60	
VII.	Rensburg Road (CML)	E17
	Outside No. 5	
VIII.	Hibbert Road (TS)	E17
	Outside No. 29 / 31 & 33 / 35 (x2)	
IX.	King Edward Road (BL)	E17
	Outside No. 1	

Note: The Orders are necessary to make space for the provision of secure bicycle parking structures for residents who do not have the space and/or ability to securely park bicycles in or within a reasonable distance from their home.
** The proposed parking spaces to be displaced will default to a single yellow line waiting restriction where the cycle hangar will be provided.*
*** The proposed parking spaces to be displaced may be changed to any permit parking location within a 50-metre radius of the original proposal. The extents of any permit parking displacement in any section of the road mentioned above will still result in reduction of permit parking space of 3 metres.*
3. A copy of each of the Orders, the Council’s statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and plans showing the locations and effect of the Orders and measures **can be inspected** during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at **(a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) The Reception Desk, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.**
4. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to: **Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS** quoting scheme reference **T21(18) – Cycle Hangars Ph III –18** by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.
5. For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders and ref **T21(18)**
Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr. K. Valavan, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Neighbourhoods Directorate, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

FOREST (FOOTPATH BETWEEN AUBREY ROAD AND HOWARD ROAD, E17) CYCLE TRACKS ORDER 2016
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-mentioned Order (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”), made on 3rd June 2016, is confirmed under the aforementioned Act by a duly designated inspector on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.
2. The general effect of the Order, as confirmed without modification, is to designate that part of the width of the footpath specified in the Schedule to this Notice as a “segregated facility” cycle track which will provide a right of way for pedal cycles and a continued right of way for pedestrians.
3. A copy of the Order and the plan contained within it has been deposited at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) The Reception Desk, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS and can be inspected free of charge during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.
4. Copies of the Order, which came into effect on **23rd April 2018** and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
5. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.
Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr. K. Valavan, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Neighbourhoods Directorate, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
SCHEDULE
The width of the footpath situated between Aubrey Road E17 and Howard Road E17 designated from the northern edge of the said footpath southwards with a width throughout of 2.5 metres.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST hereby gives notice that it has made an order under Section 247 (2A) of the above Act entitled the London Borough of Waltham Forest (Stopping Up of Highways) (No. 3) to authorise the stopping up of the following area of public highway which is shown edged red and hatched black on the plan attached to the order and comprising 13 sqm and may be generally described as: The trapezium area of land along the western public highway boundary of Chingford Lane, from the boundary of 127 and 129 Chingford Lane, Woodford Green, IG8 9QS, for a distance of 7.6m in the northbound direction.
THE ORDER IS MADE to enable

development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted by the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 12 January 2018 under reference 173747.
COPIES OF THE ORDER AND THE RELEVANT PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED during normal office hours at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS free of charge
ANY PERSON aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks of 23 April 2018 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.
Dated: 23 April 2018
MR. K. VALAVAN, Director of Highways and Traffic Management, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
THE SCHEDULE
Variation of a planning permission to construct three two storey dwelling houses to allow for a change to the site boundary and minor design changes.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ADDITIONAL PERMIT PARKING SPACE AND AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS – GAINSFORD ROAD E17
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places, Loading Places and Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions) (Amendment No.*) Order 201*
The Waltham Forest (Charged-For Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201*
T23(18)
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be, in **Gainsford Road (GR) E17** – north-west side – outside No. 47 GR, to:
(i) convert the whole single yellow line waiting restriction to **HS** permit parking space opposite Nos. 52 to 56 GR; and
(ii) convert 4.6 metres of single yellow line waiting restriction to **HS** permit parking space opposite No. 46 GR
3. Copies of the Orders and the Council’s statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,

London, E10 7AS, quoting either reference **T23(18) – 47 Gainsford Rd s278** by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

5. For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting 'Traffic Orders and the reference mentioned in paragraph 4 above.

Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr. K. Valavan, Director of
Highways and Traffic Management,
Neighbourhoods, Low Hall, Argall
Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM
FOREST
REMOVAL/AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN
PARKING PLACES MISCELLANEOUS
WAITING RESTRICTIONS
The Waltham Forest (Charged-For
Parking Places) (Amendment No. 104)
Order 2018
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking
Places, Loading Places and Waiting,
Loading and Stopping Restrictions)
(Amendment No. 135) Order 2018
(T12(18))

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) on 23rd April 2018 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be in:

(a) **Avon Road E17 (AR) – south-side** – remove a section of permit parking space outside No. 5 AR and extend the single yellow line (syl) waiting restriction from outside No. 3 AR westward to the common boundary of Nos. 5 and 7 AR operating **Mon–Fri 10am to 4pm** inclusive (*this corrects the notice in 5th March 2018 edition of Waltham Forest News (WFN) which proposed the extension of the syl from outside No. 1 AR*);

(b) **Stewart Road E15 (SR) – south-east side** – *convert* 5 metres of **CF** permit parking space to single yellow line waiting restriction operating **8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays** outside the flank wall of No. 27 SR;

(c) **South Birkbeck Road E11 (SBR) – north-west side** – remove a permit parking place situated immediately north-east of No. 23 SBR and replace with a single yellow line waiting restriction operating Mon–Fri 8am to 6.30pm inclusive (*this corrects the notice in 5th March 2018 edition of WFN which proposed the removal of the bay outside No. 17 SBR*);

(d) **Buxton Road E4 (BR) – (1) north-east side** – remove a pay by phone parking place and section of single yellow line waiting restriction outside and just south of Apolline House and convert to double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions;

(e) **Lockwood Way E17** – all – provide double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions in the whole road except for the provision of two short stay parking places operating Mondays to Saturday between 8am and 5.30pm with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours on the north-west side immediately adjacent the south-east facing building walls of the

buildings situated on that side of the road;

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation from **23rd April 2018** and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr. K. Valavan, Director of
Highways and Traffic Management,
Neighbourhoods, Low Hall, Argall
Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM
FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
– SECTION 14(1)

THE WALTHAM FOREST (IVE FARM
LANE/ORIENT WAY) (TEMPORARY
MEASURES) (NO. 1) (Amendment No. 2)
ORDER 2018 (TT31c(17))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that on 23rd April 2018 it made an Order to allow for parking overnight outside of times where access is to be maintained for construction traffic entering and existing a redevelopment site in a safe and efficient manner, within the E10 region.

2. The general effect of the amending Order will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed to substitute certain provisions of **THE WALTHAM FOREST (IVE FARM LANE/ORIENT WAY) (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (NO. 1) ORDER 2017** so that waiting restrictions on the northern side of Ive Farm Lane are reduced in operational hours from “at any time” **to** between 8am and 4pm Mondays–Fridays inclusive between the common boundary of Nos. 152 Church road and No. 1 Simonds Road in an easterly direction for a distance of 19 metres only.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

4. The prohibitions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency.

5. The Order will come into operation on **23rd April 2018** and will be valid until 14th February 2019, or until the need for access to the construction works site is no longer required, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr K Valavan, Director of Highways
and Traffic Management,
Neighbourhoods, Low Hall, Argall
Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM
FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
– SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (DURBAN ROAD
E17) (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (NO. 1)

ORDER 2018 (TT8(18))

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that on **23rd April 2018** it made an Order to allow for construction of a traffic calming measure in a safe and efficient manner.

2. The general effect of the Order would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding, waiting or loading, for any purpose, at any time, in the roads or sections of roads mentioned in the Schedule to this notice (except works vehicles)

3. Vehicular access to properties affected by these temporary measures will be maintained wherever possible, subject to the extent and operation of the closures.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, advance warning signage and alternative routes for traffic shall be in place.

6. The Order will come into operation on **23rd April 2018** and will be valid for 18 months, or until the said works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 23rd April 2018
Mr K Valavan, Director of Highways
and Traffic Management,
Neighbourhoods, Low Hall, Argall
Avenue, London, E10 7AS
Schedule – (E17 streets)
Durban Road – between Nos. 24 Durban Road and the northern boundary of No. 45 Durban Road
Stow Crescent – between its junction with Durban road and a point 10 metres westwards

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